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NATIONAL COUNCIL NEWS

OUR CONFERENCE REPRESENTATION

Northern California is entitled to irteen delegates at the National ouncil. Twelve were there and reg- tered. Yes, an even thirty were ere, and any one of the eighteen ould have qualified for the vacancy ad we been able to have made se- ction before we left the state. It as a magnificent showing for our onference. There are many among em who will be delighted to carry e good tidings to our Churches.

We were represented with a peaker on the program when Dr. wartz spoke on Christian Education; y Mrs. Swartz on the Business Com- ittee. Dr. Giffen represented us n the Commission on Missions and ecretary Wilbur, who gave a notable ddress, is still a resident there.

We regret that Dr. Giffen's term on he Commission on Missions expired vith this meeting. Dr. Robert E. Brown becomes our representative n that Board and Dr. Swartz goes n the Commission as a member at arge.

The Pacific Coast was represented vith Dr. Carl Patton preaching the Council Sermon, and his alternate vas Dr. Chauncey Hawkins of Se- ttle, who was the Sunday morning reacher at the First Church.

IMPRESSIONS

The most definite impression made pon your Superintendent was that he Council voted a great enabling ct. It gives to the societies the wis- lom of the Committee of Twelve, the ncouragement of the assembled elegates and the direction it is oped our national and state adminis- trative officers will take at as early a date as possible.

The Council may go into history as did the Kansas City Council. That Council looked in the same direction and took a long step toward unifica- tion, coordination and efficiency with more of a mandatory utterance. The Washington Council will be impotent and disappointing unless something happens. Nothing will happen, noth- ing can happen, until there is a will- ingness on the part of executives to face the appeal of the delegates frankly and be ready to report prog- ress at the next biennium.

The Washington Council spent its time on the mechanics of our organic life. It was not notable in its in- spirational utterances. It was a carry-over of the Kansas City desire for a more efficient handling of our denominational affairs. It was dis- tinctly congregational in being care- fully advisory. The outcome of it rests with those who sit in high places, and that responsibility is resting heavily just now.

ANALYSIS OF THE REPORT

I. Unification.

1. Foreign Work. The American Board of Commissions for Foreign Missions and the three Woman's Boards of Missions to be merged into one foreign board, with (a) a Pruden- tial Committee of thirty-six members meeting semi-annually, with a nucleus of eighteen meeting semi-monthly; (b) departmental secretaries, men and women; (c) a cabinet composed of the secretaries; (d) regional commit- tees of men and women.

2. The Home Work. Merge or fed- erate the eight home societies in a single home board with (a) an identi- cal board of thirty-six directors; (b) four departmental committees of twelve each; (c) departmental secre- taries; (d) a cabinet of secretaries; (e) joint regional committees of men and women; (f) work of Woman's Home Missionary Federation as- sumed by Promotional Council and re- gional committees.

II. Relations of State and National Organizations.

This involves (a) representation of societies by the state organizations; (b) consultation in choice of state executive; (c) determination of ap- portionment percentages; (d) co-op- eration in board meetings.

III. Joint Promotion.

Including a joint promotional coun- cil to have charge of all promotional work under the Commission on Mis- sions and in co-operation with the missionary boards.

IV. Single Denominational Organ.

With monthly missionary magazine number.

PROPOSALS OF THE COMMITTEE OF TWELVE

In the general plan of placing the missionary activities of the denomi- nation under two boards, one for home and one for foreign work, we make the following recommendations:

1. UNIFICATION AND ORGANIZATION

1. The Foreign Work. We recom- mend a complete unification of the Woman's Boards with the American Board, including unification

(a) in the conduct of the foreign mission work of the denomina- tion in the foreign field,
(b) in the administration of the work in the departments at home,
(c) in appeals to the denomination in behalf of foreign missions,
(d) in foreign missionary education and promotion throughout the denomination.

This would make necessary the re- constituting of the present organiza- tion along the following lines:

A. A Prudential Committee of thirty-six, including at least one-third women, should be elected by the Amer- ican Board at its meeting in connec- tion with the National Council, the total to be arranged so as to pro- vide "Constituent State" and regional representation. The Secretary of the National Council should be a member ex-officio but without vote.

This Committee should hold regular meetings semi-annually, for attendance upon which the expenses of all mem- bers may be paid, if so desired. The Committee should also meet semi- monthly ad interim for transacting the business of the Board as at pres- ent. Expenses for attendance upon these ad interim meetings should be paid only for a nucleus of eighteen of its members, one-third of whom should be women, designated by the Board when electing the Prudential Committee. At the same time other members who can attend should en- joy the full privileges of membership. This is a plan which has been found by the commissions of the National Council to operate satisfactorily. The women members in each case should be coordinate with the men in every respect as an integral part of the management, in order that the values of the Boards may be conserved.

B. Departmental Secretaries, men and women.

C. A Cabinet composed of the De- partmental Secretaries, substantially on the present basis.

D. Other organizations jointly with the Home Board, such as the Com- mission on Missions, Promotional Council, Laymen's Advisory Commit- tee, and Regional Committees as described below.

2. The Home Work. We recom- mend the unification of the Home Work by use of identical boards of directors, elected by the several home societies at their meetings with the National Council, this identical board to be known, while considering the whole program of the home societies, as the Congregational Home Board, with hope of ultimate corporate union under that name. The membership of such corporation, when organized, would be the members of The National Council plus 150 members at large and the life members of the several con- solidating home boards.

Division of the work into depart- ments would enable this board to re- tain, where advisable, the present ad- ministrative and executive forces. A plan embodying such a division of functions should be left flexible for future readjustments.

This plan would bring under identi- cal management

The American Missionary Associ- ation
The Congregational Home Mission- ary Society
The Congregational Church Building Society
The Congregational Sunday School Extension Society
The Congregational Publishing So- ciety
The Congregational Education So- ciety
The Congregational Foundation for Education
The Congregational Board of Min- isterial Relief
The Functions of the National Council in connection with the Annuity Fund for Congregational Ministers.

As a means of bringing about the earliest possible unification of the home work we make the following recommendations: (For convenience we use in these recommendations the term "Board of Directors" to describe the managing board of each society, this being the title now used by most of the societies, although in the case of The American Missionary Associ- ation, its board is known as "Execu- tive Committee.")

A. That each of the home societies should provide that its Board of Di- rectors consist of thirty-six members, at least one-third of whom should be women. This board should meet semi- annually. Provision should be made for an administrative committee of twelve to function with authority ad interim. Six of this committee should be members of the Board of Direc- tors, and at least one-third of both groups should be women. The boards of directors and administrative com- mittees should be so chosen as to in- sure rotation, the continuous service of any member being limited to a period not to exceed six years. The by-laws and, if in any cases necessary, the charters of the several societies should be amended by appropriate ac- tion to accomplish this result. So far as practicable these amendments should become effective not later than January 1, 1928.

B. That the Boards of Directors of the different societies be identical in membership.

C. That the three Extension Boards consolidate, as recommended by them in their action of May 20, 1925.

Women's Work. This would retain distinctive women's organizations, existing because of the basic fact that many more women than men have free time for church work; it would place the women unitedly back of all church interests and responsibilities instead of behind only part of them, and it would do away with the duplication and the lack of direct contact involved in separate national women's organizations, because the local wom- en's organizations would head up into the Regional Committees and through them and the Promotional Council into the two missionary boards. In many of the states the women's or- ganizations might head up into state organizations, and these into Regional Committees. This detail we leave to be worked out by the women and the Promotional Council.

Relations of State and National Organizations

We realize that this Committee has no official relation to the State Con- ferences; that these Conferences are as free to accept or reject the advices of the National Council as the in- dividual church is free to regard or disregard the findings of the State Conference. We also know that the Conferences are eager to co-operate and we propose the following recom- mendations as bases for negotiations between the Boards and the Confer- ences.

The Representative Relation. There is growing recognition of the responsi- bility of the churches of a conference for missionary and extension work within their borders. This obligation is not necessarily exclusive but it rests primarily on the churches of the state. This has long been recognized by the older states and is being vigor- ously asserted by the newer states. With this position we are in full ac- cord and believe that this responsi- bility makes the state organization the logical representative within its borders for the national missionary societies and their regional agencies.

The States To Take Over Local Work. We recommend that the direc- tors of the Home Boards, as speedily as seems to them feasible, commit the execution of all local work now done by the Extension Boards, The Educa- tion Society and The American Mis-

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sionary Association to the State Conferences. This recommendation of commitment of executive work does not include any suggestion that the national societies should not make appropriations for state work. This commitment of work should be made not alone where the Conference is now self-supporting but also where it is sufficiently strong to contribute, under the total apportionment, amounts equal to the needs of the state budget, including provision for the work turned over; arrangements being made so that part of the benevolent fund of the churches of the state may be paid to the national society, somewhat under the terms of the present plan for Co-operating States in the constitution of The Congregational Home Missionary Society. This would grant the states autonomy in adminstration with fraternal advice as well as financial assistance.

A Joint Promotional Council. The Committee recommends a Joint Promotional Council which should be an empowered Cabinet, representing the two national boards directly, and through the Commission on Missions and the State Conferences having supervision of all solicitation of funds for the entire program of benevolences.

We believe a Joint Promotional Council can be so constituted as to provide imperatively needed unification of promotion and have the highest promise of success because this is the normal outgrowth of our past practice and true to our democratic ideals.

A Council of sixteen should include five chosen by each of the two National Boards, at least two of whom should in each instance be women, and three chosen by the body of State Superintendents; also the General Secretary of the National Council, the Promotional Secretary and the Secretary of the Laymen's Advisory Committee, ex-officiis.

The Promotional Council should be the administrative, but not the authoritative body. The Commission on Missions, and, ad interim, its Executive Committee, authoritatively represent the Boards. A Promotional Secretary who should be the general administrative officer of the Promotional Council should be elected by the Boards on nomination of the Commission on Missions. He should be co-ordinate with the promotional secretaries of the Boards. The Promotional Council should annually elect its own chairman. It should report to the Executive Committee of the Commission on Missions or to the Commission itself.

Joint Regional Committees. In order to give the two Boards the fullest contacts with state organizations and the churches, and in order to make effective the plans of the Promotional Council, we recommend the creation of joint regional committees, to be comprised of both men and women and to work in close co-operation with the State Conferences. These regional committees should be joint branches of the two Boards, which Boards would be responsible for working out these organizations. The members of these committees should be appointed by the two Boards sitting jointly as the Commission on Missions, the number of regions and of states to be included in each region to be a matter of joint decision by the Boards.

COUNCIL JOTTINGS

The next Council is scheduled to go to Omaha, Neb. Chicago made a strong plea for it, but the call of the west was reflected in the votes.

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The next Council will be in the Spring of 1927, probably late in June, instead of October. There has been an increasing demand for a Spring rather than a Fall date.

The exhibits were more attractive and with better room for display than ever before. This was especially true of the Extension Board's exhibit.

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There were altogether too many committee meetings; too much good fellowship, sightseeing and reunions, for one to get any clear idea of the program.

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The Social Service creed and the program of the Social Service Committee ran the Committee of Twelve a pretty close race for popularity.

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Lovers of a well-ordered devotional service should make a study of the one prepared and used by Lloyd C. Douglas, Minister of the First Church of Akron. The doors were closed against the tardy ones, and they missed a great treat.

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The reception of the Evangelical Protestant Churches of North America on a parity with our State Conferences was an outstanding event and it brings some twenty-three churches into our body. They are largely around Pittsburgh and Cincinnati.

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The President and his charming wife did much to make the Council attractive. It was a marked compliment to us all for them to remain on the platform after his stirring address and listen to retiring Moderator Potter.

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Mrs. Coolidge invited all out-of-town ladies to the White House for a reception; and took eight delegates in response to her pastor's public appeal.

AMERICAN BOARD NOTES

On the assumption that others who attended the National Council will report in relation to the new consolidation of societies which was recommended there, I shall devote what I have to say more to the meeting of the American Board, held at the time of the Council.

The meeting of the Board was of special interest this year because of the fact that it is facing the necessity of retrenchment, even to the cutting off of some fields, unless there is a larger giving on the part of the denomination as a whole. The Rev. Shepherd Knapp, Chairman of the Prudential Committee, gave a report for the Prudential Committee in which he showed clearly that unless action were taken providing for more funds the Board must retrench. The Prudential Committee recommended that the American Board be given an increased percentage from the apportionment and that it also be granted the privilege of making a special appeal to the churches about Easter time. The resolution embodying this recommendation of the Prudential Committee was passed by the American Board in session. So far, however, as I was able to determine this resolution was never brought before the Council. It may have come before the Council at some business session when I was not present but it was very difficult indeed during the sessions of the Council to find out just when the busness sessions were to be held. The matter was covered, however, by the approval of the Council of the plan of the Layman's Advisory Committee to go out immediately to raise a sum of money to meet the special needs of the various Boards which have a deficit. The plan does not, however, involve going out to raise money for the deficits but the securing of individual gifts to further the work of all the Boards.

The acceptance of this plan by the Council seems to have been taken by the Board as a mandate relieving it from the necessity of retrenching this current year. It seems evident that the Board will have to retrench unless the whole giving of the denomination is raised to a high point. The scheme of having this money raised for the various Boards through the Layman's Advisory Committee was entered into in order to prevent the necessity for a change in percentages and especially to obviate the need of coming before the churches with a special request.

I have spoken chiefly in relation to the financial status of the Board, for it was very apparent throughout the day that the problem facing the Board was its financial one which was evidenced in practically all the speeches made during the day. Even the statements of some of the missionaries breathed the feeling of the need for more adequate support. Mr. Riggs, the Associate Foreign Secretary, made an eloquent appeal for the opening of work in Portuguese East Africa showing our responsibility in this large field and revealing the fact that for several decades now promises have been made to the natives that we would undertake the work; promises which have never been fulfilled and which probably cannot be fulfilled unless special funds are made available for this purpose or work is cut off in some old field in order that we may enter the new field.

Dr. Barton's report in the evening of the conditions in Turkey was very interesting and illuminating. He showed us the wonderful opportunity that is facing the church today in its approach to Mohammedanism. The time that we have been awaiting for over a hundred years has come and we are able to live the gospel before the Mohammedan world in a way such as we have never been able to do it before. We can feel now that we can continue our work in Turkey with the hope that we shall really accomplish something in breaking down the opposition of Islam.

This year marked the retirement of Dr. E. C. Moore as president of the Board. For more than twenty-five years he has been associated with the Board, first in his work on the Prudential Committee and for the past ten years as its president. Pressure of work has made it necessary for him to give up his official position and Dr. Rockwell Harmon Potter, Minister of the First Church of Hartford, Conn., was elected to take his place.

The recommendation that the American Board and the Woman's Boards amalgamate was passed by the Council without debate. The foreign boards have made great progress in their plans for this sort of a merger and it is probable that within a few months the administrative work of the various boards will be carried on through the central office at Boston.

J. C. Holmes.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL MEETING

Washington—what a stragetic location for the biennial meeting of the Council, and that too with the President as Hon. Moderator and a participant on the program. Who would not but be impressed by attendance upon such a gathering in such circumstances.

As I look back ten years to the Council meeting at New Haven we seem to have made real progress.

The first impression of the Council in action in the nation's capital is that the location is not conducive to attendance upon business sessions. I doubt not that ten days hearing and passing upon reports is too much for the average layman, if not for the average minister. It was interesting by way of comparison to note that the International Y. M. C. A. were in session at the same time and disposed of their business between Saturday morning and Monday afternoon.

We will look forward with interest to the merger of the eleven societies, which action seemed a foregone conclusion. One wonders why an otherwise progressive denomination took so long to bring it about. It was interesting to see how a keen situation such as presented by the proposed magazine merger brought forward the fire and oratory of the sessions.

It was a real inspiration to take part in the confirmation of the social creed. Such a statement makes one feel proud of his denomination. Well, what about it, say some, and we wonder. If our fellowship could put this faith into operation we would capture the imagination of Christian America and bring the Kingdom measurably nearer.

T. D. Preston.

BRINGING THE MERGER TO PASS

Illustrating our identity of interest in the various societies, let it be said that near the close of the Wednesday morning session meetings of seven missionary societies were held in quick succession within ten minutes. President Huget of the Extension Boards called the Home Missionary Society (Council delegates) to order. It was voted to ratify the action of the Council touching a merger of the home societies, and voted to adjourn subject to the call of the president. Immediately Dr. Huget called the Church Building Society to order, and the same votes were passed. Immediately Dr. Huget called the Sunday School Society to order and the same votes were passed. Vice-President Patton called the American Missionary Association to order and a minute sufficed for similar action. The Education Society followed, and the American Board, and last of all the Council itself as spokesman for the Ministerial Relief Boards took the same action. The delegates were by this time impressed as perhaps never before with their variety of responsibility in control of all our mission boards.

We have a call for some hymn books. A letter recently received in this office makes the following request:

"I wonder if you happen to know of some church which has disbanded or has changed hymn books and who would be glad to donate them to the Sonoma Valley field. We would like either the 'Pilgrim Hymnal' or 'Hymns of the Centuries'. We would be glad to pay expressage and on either of the above two would probably be able to make some payment."

If any of the churches have books which can be diverted to this cause it will be greatly appreciated.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Christianity at Work, by John M. Versteeg. 307 pages; price $1.40 net, postage extra. The Abingdon Press, New York.

The Lesson Handbook, 1926, by Henry R. Meyers. 128 pages; price 35 cents. The Methodist Book Concern, New York.

The Fruits of Peace; a pageant for Young People, by Madeleine Sweeny Miller. 28 pages; price 25 cents. The Abingdon Press, New York.

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ISSIONARY PROGRAMS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

e Department of Missionary cation of the Congregational cation Society has just issued pamphlets containing sugges- for missionary programs for in intermediate and young peo- Christian Endeavor societies and r groups. The programs are based he regular Christian Endeavor ionary topics for 1925-1926 and e is one for each month. The phlet also contains some pages of ral information and suggestions regard to mission study for g people. These may be obtained out cost at the Educational Office, Phelan Building, San Francisco.

BSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS

is now time to be planning for proper observance of Christmas, hat its message may be presented he most effective manner. Many rches are finding Christmas page- s a means to this end. The fol- ing are among the best: When the Star Shone," L. R. Bay- ; "The Prophetic Child," Langley rs; "Why the Chimes Rang," tha Race; "Adoration of the gs and Shepherds," Mildred Cook. he Pilgrim Book Store will supply se and other services. The De- ber issue of the Pilgrim Elemen- Teacher will contain valuable gestions and programs for the mentary departments and the No- ber issue of the International rnal of Religious Education for church school as a whole.

EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

Nothing is more costly than poor ls. They are wasteful of time, pa- ce, energy and material. The more uable the material, the more diffi- t the construction, the more import- is it that the tools suffice to cut oard in two and nail the ends to- her. The most delicately shaped tempered tools are required for king a lady's watch or for perform- a surgical operation."

The most precious material in the rld is the human soul. The most ficult task to perform is the making character. The most delicate ad- tments are those between the life man and the life of God and the es of one's fellows. The workmen we call teachers, and they should have at their disposal the best tools that money can buy."

Church schools should secure the best lesson material available; they should be supplied with hymnals which are edited by experts in religious education. The school equipment should include comfortable chairs, class tables, blackboards, maps, and a workers' library. Church budgets should provide generously for religious education. Such provision will bring large returns in the coming generation of church members. These provisions should include training, as well as supplies. The teachers and officers of the church schools should attend training schols and conferences in religious education.

The officers and teachers of every church school should meet at least monthly for conferences and study of the principles, methods, organization and administration of religious education. Fifty minutes should be spent in study, using such text books as Betts' "How to Teach Religion" or "The New Program of Religious Education"; Cope's "Organizing the Church School," or Athearn's "Organization and Administration of the cial books and magazine articles may Church School," and Smith's "How to Improve Your Sunday School." Spebe reviewed and special phases of religious education, as the program of worship, recreation, and music in the school may be presented in papers by members of the group, to be followed by discussion.

A class for leadership training of young people of the later high school years should be organized, thus training prospective teachers and officers. A workers' library should be established in the average school. Ten dollars per year might be set aside for the purchase of books. The library should be in charge of some capable person who will thoroughly inform himself concerning the literature of religious education and see that the books are profitably used by the workers.

In some communities councils of religious education are established. Where such a council does not exist it should be established. It is composed of the pastor and director or superintendent of religious education of each church and the executive heads of all organizations having to do with training of the young. The council will meet monthly or bimonthly. Under its direction may be conducted a community school of leadership training, which might meet on one evening each week for a period of twelve weeks. Sometimes intensive schools of training are conducted. These meet for five successive days. For such schools the state leaders in the educational activities of the denominations can usually be secured as members of the faculty. Standard teacher training certificates are given to those who satisfactorily complete courses offered by these various forms of training.

For further information about equipment, curriculum, and leadership training write Secretary John C. Prince, 424 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

IMPORTANT NEW BOOKS

cience and Religion, Thomson,	$2.00
ible of Nature, Thomson,	$1.25
volution for John Doe, Ward,	$3.50
ruit of the Family Tree, Wiggam,	$3.00
What and Why is Man, Swain,	$1.75
eality in Worship, Sperry,	$2.50
hurch Music and Worship, Harper,	$2.00
ne Hundred One Hymn Stories, Price,	$0.75
aul of Tarsus, Glover,	$2.00
ospel of John, Robinson,	$2.25
hristian Salvation, Cross,	$2.50
ersonality and Psychology, Buckham,	$1.75
upremacy of the Spiritual, Youtz,	$1.75
vangelical Humanism, Hough,	$1.50
eligious Values, Brightman,	$2.50
rinciples of Preaching, Davis,	$2.50
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thical Teachings of Jesus, Scott,	$1.00
What Must the Church Do to be Saved? Tittle,	$1.25
What Ails Our Youth? Coe,	$1.00
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"The Just Weight" is a volume of addresses which Bishop F. J. McConnell has given in college chapels. The discourses are brief, interesting and practical. Bishop McConnell's experience in a college presidency, his intimate knowledge of students, and his position as a scholar have made him a most acceptable speaker to American students.

In the introduction to "Europe Turns the Corner" Col. E. M. House writes: "Now comes Stanley High to tell us in his calm and inimitable way what has happened since June 28, 1919." The author knows Europe at first hand. He served as a pilot with the American air forces and following the war visited the nations of middle and eastern Europe in the interests of international student activities. This book follows a recent visit to Europe and Russia. Those who read Mr. High's "The Revolt of Youth" will turn to this new volume with eager anticipations which will not be disappointed. The author has something definite to say as to how war is to be outlawed and his view of the religious reconstruction going on in Europe is hopeful. His view of the European situation is from the point of view of one who believes in a brotherhood of nations founded on Christian principles and he leads one to conclude that Europe has "turned the corner."

The country church is receiving more constructive attention than for many years thanks to the work of such men as Wilson, Gilpin and Butterfield. Now Earl Roadman gives us a second volume in the Rural Life Series under the title, "The Country Church and Its Program." The book is brief, striking, and of wide vision. It will be welcomed by pastors and rural workers as a text book for adult groups in churches and church schools. The text deals with such themes as "Building the Program from the Community Needs," "Evangelism in the Country," "Religious Education for Country Children," "Service and Worship," "Social Life," "Recreation," "Developing Business Efficiency," and "The Discovery and Training of Leadership."

The Pilgrim Press has just issued three new books which will be welcomed by religious educators. "You Can Learn to Teach," by Margaret Slattery, retains all of the simplicity and charm of style which characterized her deservedly popular "Talks With the Training Class." This more comprehensive work will bring inspiration to the experienced teacher and will prove an unfailing source of wisdom and guidance to the beginner. Dr. W. S. Athearn says: "Margaret Slattery knows how to popularize knowledge without sacrificing scientific principles. Back of the simple illustration and telling incident one always discovers the law. It is her genius in this direction that makes her books and addresses invaluable to the teacher of religion."

"Hymn Stories," by Elizabeth Colson, who has already established herself as an authority in religious education, is a volume of worship programs for the Junior Department of the Church School for one year. The volume contains a delightful collection of hymn stories and the purpose is to create an appreciation and lasting interest in the hymns that are sung by the children. There is material for a period of hymn study every week and for special occasions, such as Christmas and Easter, programs are planned for the school as a whole.

"A California League of Youth," by George T. Simons, Secretary of Religious Education for the Southern California Congregational Conference, is a book of 80 pages issued in both cloth and paper. The book brings a unified program of religious education for the young people of the church. It is based upon a determination to conserve the best that experience in young people's work has already shown to be of value and at the same time to include the new purposes and progressive educational methods and use of modern equipment and the spiritual forces of the day in which we live. The emphasis in the program is placed upon the development of a Christian way of living. It recognizes that the initiative in methods and organization must be taken by the local church.

BENEVOLENCES

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Alturas	$ 20.00
Berkeley First	603.51
Berkeley North	172.31
Ceres	100.00
Crockett	12.50
Eureka	35.86
Fairfax	16.00
Ferndale	51.95
Fresno First	127.42
Grass Valley	17.35
Lockeford	15.00
Oakland First	430.55
Oakland Calvary	25.00
Oakland Fruitvale	27.00
Oakland Plymouth	171.96
Pacific Grove	24.70
Palo Alto	150.00
Petaluma	96.55
Reno, Nevada	63.00
Sacramento	134.00
San Francisco First	300.00
San Jose	93.32
San Lorenzo	82.50
San Mateo	50.00
Santa Rosa First	48.24
Saratoga	228.28
Soquel	30.00
Stockton	660.00
Sunnyvale	52.50
Tulare	11.10
Woodside	10.50
	$3,861.10

DISTRIBUTION

Congl. Women's Miss. Soc.	$ 31.93
Conference	312.86
Annuity Fund	34.78
S. S. Exten. Society	69.56
Congl. Ministers Relief Soc.	69.56
Pac. School of Religion	104.35
C. Church Bldg. Society	191.29
Congl. Educational Soc.	208.65
Amer. Miss. Asso.	452.13
Wom. Board of Missions	540.15
Amer. Board Comm. for Foreign Missions	637.94
Cal. Home Mis. Soc.	1,199.90
Miss Andrews	8.00
	$3,861.10

Comparative Figures 1924-1925

Jan. 10th-31st	$ 425.75	$ 682.00
Feb. 1st-28th	2,568.46	2,904.24
March 1st-31st	2,923.42	3,532.70
April 1st-30th	4,846.11	4,036.67
May 1st-31st	3,914.69	3,982.85
June 1st-30th	2,934.67	2,955.40
July 1st-31st	4,664.36	4,454.20
Aug. 1st-31st	2,764.07	2,281.90
Sept. 1st-30th	3,129.80	3,822.38
Oct. 1st-31st	4,449.07	3,861.10
Total	$32,620.40	$32,513.44

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CHURCH NEWS

SANTA CRUZ—On November 1st this church received twelve new members. This makes fifty-eight received this year, thirty-one of them on Confession or Re-confession. The School of Missions is having the right of way for six Sunday evenings, and some midweek sessions. More than a hundred are in the classes, and many more come in for the closing half hour each time which includes the dramatics arranged by Mrs. Palmer.

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PALO ALTO—The Church at Palo Alto celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by an interesting service on Wednesday evening, Oct. 28th. It also was the twentieth anniversary of the erection of the church edifice, and the Fifth anniversary of the present pastorate. The vested choir sang the same musical pieces that were rendered on the occasion of the dedication. Mrs. A. M. Cathcart, Prof. F. E. Perham and F. L. Crandall, early members, who are still active in the work of the church, gave interesting reminiscences of early days. Letters of greeting from Rev. Dr. Cyrus G. Baldwin and from Rev. Bryant C. Preston, former pastors of the church, were read by Rev. Reed B. Cherington. A thoughtful address was given by Rev. Dr. D. Charles Gardner, the Chaplain of Stanford University. Minor parts were taken by Rev. R. B. Dodge, Rev. B. St. John and the present pastor, Rev. Willard B. Thorp. After the service in the church, the people adjourned to the parlors for light refreshments and a social time.

Fifteen members were received into the Palo Alto Church at the November communion, all but two of them adults and by letter from other churches. The membership of the church is now 286.

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SACRAMENTO — The Sacramento Church has adopted the new preliminary building plans, and the architects are at work on detailed drawings and specifications. It is hoped that construction can begin by January first. On the last Sunday in October the Pastor exchanged pulpits with the Pastor at Stockton and renewed old acquaintances.

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Some of our women will no doubt be interested to hear that a Chinese girl, Lily M. King, has been elected president of the Utah State Christian Endeavor Union. This is the first and only instance so far of a Chinese being president of a C. E. Union. Although they live in Salt Lake City. Miss King's parents are still members of the Chinese Congregational Church of San Francisco.

OAKLAND DEDICATES

First Congregational Church, Oakland, is now holding dedication services in their new church, Twenty-sixth and Harrison Streets. Practically the whole month of November, from the first to the twenty-sixth, has been set aside for this purpose.

They opened with a Week of Praise, ushered in by the Sunday School Rally Day on Sunday morning and the Oratorio, Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" by the chorus choir in the evening. Both Sunday services were led by the pastor, Dr. Robert E. Brown—in the morning a Service of Thanksgiving, and in the evening "The Ministry of Music." Their Wednesday evening meeting opened the new Social Hall, with a Church Dinner followed by addresses from Dr. Aurelia Reinhardt, president of Mills College and Mr. Robert G. Sproul, Vice-president of the University of California, and a play "Who Kissed Barbara?" by the Players' League. At this meeting their former Assistant Pastors were special guests.

The second week of the month, beginning November 8th, is the Week of Dedication. The morning sermon was preached by Rev. Francis J. Van Horn, D.D., former pastor of the Church. The evening service was one of recognition of those who had rendered service in the construction of the new church, with an address—"Christ and Those Who Toil," by Dr. Lynn T. White of the San Francisco Theological Seminary at San Anselmo. Thursday of this week will be a reception to all members and friends of the church—open house—at which time an opportunity will be given to inspect the new buildings. This is to be followed by an organ recital by Mr. Uda Waldrop, municipal organist of San Francisco.

Sunday, November fifteenth, ushers in the Week of Fellowship, Dr. Brown will preach in the morning on "Church Loyalty." A service of consecration will be held in the afternoon, embodying a communion address by the Pastor, reception of members and the ordinance of The Lord's Supper. This will be followed by a social hour with new members in the Social Hall, and a Fellowship Gathering in the evening, presided over by Rev. Harry S. McCready, Pastor of Plymouth Congregational Church of Oakland, with greetings from the pastors of several other Oakland churches of various denominations. All Congregational Churches of the East Bay are invited to this meeting. There will be another Church Dinner on Wednesday evening, at which time Dr. O. W. S. McCall of First Church, Berkeley, will bring greetings, and there will be several other short addresses.

The last week is the Week of Education. At the morning service Rev. Ralph C. Waddell, Assistant Pastor and Director of Religious Education, will preside, and the Sunday School will attend in a body. Dr. Herman F. Swartz of the Pacific School of Religion will give the morning address. The evening service will be devoted to a pageant—"Milestones" given by the teachers and pupils of the church school.

The final service of the week will be a Union Thanksgiving Service on Thursday morning at 10:30, to which all religious organizations of Central Oakland are invited.

SAN JOSE — Richard L. Swain, author of "What and Where is God?" and of a newly published book "What and Why is Man?" spent a week, November 1 to 8, with the First Congregational Church of San Jose, preaching twice on Sunday and each night during the week. His addresses were followed by a questionnaire. The week following Mr. Swain spent at Stanford University.

OROVILLE—The past few weeks have been busy days for the people of the Congregational Church of Oroville. The last week in September a reception was held for the teachers of the city. A social time was enjoyed. A delightful program of music was given. People of all faiths joined to welcome the old and new teachers to Oroville and its life. Rev. Johnson, in his own inimitable way, saw to it that every one was made to feel at home.

October 11th was Rally Day for all organizations of the church. In spite of a storm just at Bible School hour, not one scholar, who was to take part in the splendid program prepared, was absent. A large number were present filling the church auditorium.

A clever way of building "Our Bible School" was carried out. Each class building into the structure one block, representing some quality desired in the school. The cornerstone, "The Holy Bible," was laid by the Pastor.

LECTURES ON THE BIBLE

Rev. W. B. Thorp has begun a series of popular lecture-studies on "The Bible as Seen by the Historian." They are given twice a month on Wednesday evenings in the lecture-room of the Palo Alto Church, which is well filled by those who wish a better knowledge of the results of modern historical study of the Bible. The aim of the speaker is to take up the various portions of the Old Testament in the order in which they probably appeared in written form. The first lecture outlined the results of the analysis of the Pentateuch, which were exhibited in graphic form on the large blackboard. Some specimens of early songs were read, including The Song of Deborah. The second lecture was a picture of life in the early days preceding the kingdom, and was illustrated by readings from Moffatt's new translation of the Book of Judges. This was followed by a similar presentation of the Age of David.

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ANTIOCH—As we go to press, a letter comes from Antioch advising that they have voted to extend a call to Rev. Eugene Smith, their recent supply pastor.

GUERNEVILLE—The Church at Guerneville has invited Rev. G. S. Brett to supply their pulpit for the balance of the year, and requested that he bring his family with him.

In Memorium

REV. WM. C. POND, D. D. 1830-192

A TRIBUTE

For the past three years it has bee my privilege to be Dr. Pond's paste at Mission Park Church. We hav continually made it our proud boa there that the kindergarten of o Sunday School always had a chi just four years old, and a Sunda School teacher over ninety yea young. Dr. Pond, unless detained b illness or absence from the city, wa always promptly in his place on Su day mornings to conduct his Bib Class and, I believe, he was one of th few Sunday School teachers alive wh was always well prepared to condu his class. He was very dear to me b cause of his always helpful intere in the entire program of our churc life and work. Probably he was o of the most tireless letter writers th Congregationalism has ever know Every week I received some missiv from him, and he did his tireless be to keep me thoroughly a Congreg tionalist, by sending me each week h copy of the denominational pape That sustained effort of his was fu ther supplemented by his keen d sire that I should be modern in th I also received by mail his copy The Christian Century.

No one could know him intimate without recognising his thorough wide-awake love of the Bible. He wa no bibliolater but he was one of th greatest lovers of the Bible I hav ever known. "Beyond the sacred pag I seek thee Lord" are words that migh have been his own apologia in his ow language. One of the last times heard him pronounce the benedictio he used the language of Dr. Moffatt translation of the New Testament in modern speech.

His love of the Bible was a deriv tive of his love of Christ. He wa always passionately eager that peop should know of the love of the Mast and should give their lives to H direction. Once a quarter he wou ask permission to speak in the a sembly of the Sunday School that might encourage the young people give their hearts to the Lord Jesus.

His love of Christ made him a p tient lover of his brethern and an u remitting evangelist among the Orien als. Whatever other debts China ow the United States of America no are more significant than the debt i curred in the sacrificial giving of gre American lives to the welfare of h people. Dr. Pond's was a name fra rant among the Chinese people n only of California but of China itse

"He was a very gentle, parfi knight," as Chaucer would have sai His sunny humor, tremendous vigo wide-awake mind, were all the capti slaves of Christ. You met him in t rain, and he assured you no har would come to him, "Rain never d hurt a Pond." One of the first thin I ever heard of him was a story of lady who was to entertain him Southern California who on giving i structions about his room and atten ance to her Chinese servant was su prised by the servant's quick smile a his quicker words when he said, "D Pond. He come here? Velly good. D Pond he allee samee Jesus Christ."

Godfrey Matthews.

While the Superintendent was in t East, attending the National Counc the vacant pulpits in this Conferen were supplied as follows:

Olivet, Oakland.....Rev. W. W. Fur
Antioch.....Rev. Eugene Smi
Rio Vista.....Dr. Ta
Santa Rosa.....Dr. William Rad